

Omega Christian Church was founded during some of our nation's darkest days, in 1863 during the midst of the Civil War. At the time of the church's founding, the surrounding neighborhood was known as Bethany but later came to be called Omega. Exemplifying the best of the hardworking and enterprising Hoosier spirit, the residents built the church themselves using local timber. Joseph Lacy oversaw the construction, and Dr. Silas Blount gave the dedicatory sermon in November of 1863. Knowles Shaw (1834–1878), an early minister of the church, became a prominent evangelist and composer of religious music and is best known for the hymn "Bringing in the Sheaves".

In the years following the war, the community around the church began to grow and prosper. After construction was finished on the church, a sawmill, general store, doctor's office, blacksmith shop, and post office were also established. In 1926, the church was moved and enlarged to make room for the growing congregation. The framework and sanctuary of the church are original and are still in use today, making the Omega Christian Church the oldest building in White River Township.

The church continued to grow and expand throughout the following years. While the physical building has changed, the mission of the Omega Christian Church remains unchanged from its founding in 1863: to serve God and His people, and to be a light in the community where stability, comfort, strength, and family can be found, all in the name of Jesus Christ. Today the Church reaches out to serve in other ministries far beyond the dreams of its pioneer founders, including supporting the Damou Christian Mission near Jacmel on the southern coast of Haiti. The Mission maintains a school for more than a thousand students, an assisted living facility for the elderly, and two orphanages established following the tragic earthquake of 2010.

Today, I am proud to recognize "the small country church that cares" and thank them for their contributions to the spiritual well-being of their community and the world. May the next 150 years be equally blessed.

RECOGNIZING THE NEW HOPE-LAMBERTVILLE BRIDGE

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2014

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, the New Hope-Lambertville Bridge is a historic, two-lane, steel truss bridge that has linked the two picturesque communities along the Delaware River for 200 years. The two-lane, toll-free span has weathered well, surviving floods and ice and two centuries of traffic from horses to motor vehicles. It remains a busy bridge with an estimated daily traffic count of 14,000. The New Hope-Lambertville Bridge opened as a wooden-covered bridge on Sept. 12, 1814, followed in 1904 with construction of the current steel truss bridge. Local historians created a documentary containing rare film footage that chronicles the 200-year history of the span, other landmarks and the rich artistic tradition of the area. The film premiered at a special celebration held at the New Hope Playhouse

on April 10, 2014 to commemorate the 200-year anniversary. Congratulations to all involved in this tribute, including the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission, the interstate agency responsible for the care and maintenance of the trusted connection between Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2014 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 9

9:15 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-124

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Airland

To hold hearings to examine Army modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

9:45 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine an assessment on how to keep our railways safe for passengers and communities.

SD-138

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Defense

To hold hearings to examine defense health programs.

SD-106

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Labor.

SD-192

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Personnel

To hold hearings to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel

programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Science and Space

To hold hearings to examine from here to Mars.

SR-253

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging

To hold hearings to examine addressing primary care access and workforce challenges, focusing on voices from the field.

SD-430

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the Comcast-Time Warner Cable merger and the impact on consumers.

SH-216

Committee on Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine election administration, focusing on making voter rolls more complete and more accurate.

SR-301

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine Ukraine, focusing on confronting internal challenges and external threats, including Russia's seizure of Crimea.

SD-215

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Rules and Administration

Business meeting to consider S. 1728, to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to improve ballot accessibility to uniformed services voters and overseas voters, S. 1937, to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to develop contingency plans to address unexpected emergencies or natural disasters that may threaten to disrupt the administration of an election for Federal office, S. 1947, to rename the Government Printing Office the Government Publishing Office, S. 2197, to repeal certain requirements regarding newspaper advertising of Senate stationery contracts, and the nominations of Thomas Hicks, of Virginia, and Myrna Perez, of Texas, both to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission.

SR-301

11 a.m.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015 for the Small Business Administration.

SR-428A

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Energy.

SD-192

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of the Navy and the Department of the Air Force.

SD-124